

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ANGANWADI WORKERS  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any life insurance and other welfare schemes for the benefit of Anganwadi workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Anganwadi workers benefited there from during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c): The Government launched the Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana w.e.f 1.4.2004 in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India as a welfare measure for the benefit of Anganwadi Workers. The Scheme is operated through the Social Security Group Scheme of LIC. The salient features of the Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana are as under:-

i. The Scheme is applicable to all AWWs and Helpers in the age group of 18-59 years;

ii. The premium under the Scheme is Rs.280/- per annum per member. The breakup is as under:

# Rs.100/- from Social Security Fund of LIC

# Rs.100/- by the Government of India

# Rs.80/- by the Anganwadi Worker/ Helper (additional for male critical illness of the insured member). The premium of Rs.80/- payable by these workers towards critical illness has been waived off till 31.3.2013.

iii The Scheme provides the following benefits:-

# Natural Death Rs.30,000/-

# Accident benefit:

# Death/ Total permanent disability Rs.75000

# Partial Permanent disability Rs.37500

# Female Critical Illness (FCI) Benefits: An amount of Rs.20,000/- is payable on the diagnosis of invasive cancers (malignant tumor) manifest in the following organs (subject to proof of affliction satisfactory to Corporation).

# Breast

# Cervix Uteri

# Corpus Uteri

# Ovaries

# Fallopian Tubes

# Vagina/Vulva

# Shiksha Sahayog

A free add-on scholarship benefit is available for the children of AWWs and AWHs. Scholarship of Rs.300/- per quarter for students 9th to 12 Standard (including ITI courses) is available but it is limited to two children per family.

Presently, all AWWs and AWHs are covered for all benefits under the Scheme. A Statement indicating State-wise details of claims settled under 'Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana' during the last three years and the current year is at Annex-I (pages 1-4). Besides this, the Government has also extended benefits such as paid absence on maternity of 180 days, reservation of 25% vacant posts of Supervisors for AWWs, recruitment of 25% of AWWs from amongst AWH, provision of uniform, awards etc.

Recently, the honoraria of AWWs has been enhanced by Rs.1500/- on the last honorarium drawn by them and that of AWH and Workers of Mini-AWCs by Rs.750/- per month w.e.f.1.4.2011. The States/UTs also provide additional honoraria to AWWs/AWHs from their own resources.

Some State Governments/UTs like Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been giving retirement and pension benefits also to AWWs and AWHs.